

BECAUSE OF....

OUR NEED

Colossians 2:8-15

THE BIG IDEA: In this sermon and study of a passage of Colossians, we are looking at how desperate the human situation is that it would take God in human flesh to save us from it.

OPENING: As you reflect upon the sermon, did you find anything that was meaningful to you? Did God speak to you in it? Was there something new for you? Can you share that with your small group?

DIGGING DEEPER: Read Colossians 2:8–15 three times, slowly and aloud, pausing for a moment of reflection after each reading. What is Paul's opening concern for the congregation? If you were writing to a modern congregation, what would be a concern you would address?

What does this passage say about Jesus Christ, your Savior? What does it say that God has done in you and for you through him?

Observe how the words "in Christ", "in him", "by him", and "by Christ" are used repeatedly in these passages. How do these words impact your understanding of your relationship with God?

Talk about your understanding of the two verses "in Christ all the fullness of the deity lives in bodily form" and "you have been given fullness in Christ".

Looking over this passage, what part do you play in your salvation?

Read Genesis 3:1- 20. Discuss your questions or struggles with this passage. How does the serpent seduce Eve? In what way does the serpent blaspheme God? What resulted from their disobedience?

How have you fallen and pray to the lies of the serpent in your life? For example, have you ever believed that God doesn't care about you or has abandoned you?

PUTTING IT TO WORK: It has been said that considering all that our God has done to save us through His Son all we can do is respond with a grateful heart and love Him. This week, begin and end each day with giving thanks to God for this great salvation. Let thankfulness become the posture of your life. Look for ways to take time and do acts of love to those around you because He first loved you and gave Himself for you.

PRAYER REQUESTS: